



Le Notizie

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Grand Lodge Convention



Roma Lodge was well represented at the 2018 Grand Lodge Convention by delegates **David and Giovanna DePaoli, Kathy Briano, Louie Benedetti, Leroy and Joann Beecher**. Roma Lodge owes these members a great deal of thanks and appreciation for traveling to Ontario and representing the lodge.

A full report will be given at the August meeting however, as documented at the June meeting, Roma Lodge voted to support a resolution headed by State Delegate of the Central **Louise Silacci** of the Hanford Lodge requesting the Grand Council to take action on several items of concern to lodges in the Central Valley. Action was taken and several items are being considered by the Grand Council. Stay tuned.

Worth Every Penny!

Even if you were not present to witness it, there was a very special event at the 2018 Grand Lodge Convention. That was when Roma Lodge Queen, **Gianna Benedetti** was crowned "**Miss California**" during the Royal Pageant ceremonies. Proud dad, **Louie Benedetti** escorted her down the runway. If you purchased a raffle ticket, contributed an item to the garage sale fundraiser or just gave a contribution you helped ensure Roma Lodge was well represented at the convention. **Congratulations to all!**



3-Queens

The **Louie Benedetti** family matches the **Ben Curti** family in having three Roma Lodge Queens. As shown (l-r) mother **Tiffany**, sister **Gabrielle**, **Gianna** and sister **Isabella** along with dad Louie at the convention. All three sisters were crowned **Miss California** at the convention.



Roma Lodge members can be proud of their accomplishments in representing the lodge in the queen contest.

Junior Member Night!

August is Junior Member night so plan on attending for some great summer BBQ. July and August birthdays should plan on bringing some back to school items or toys for raffle prizes as we will have a special raffle for our junior members. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, fries and chicken tenders are on the menu along with **Maryann Luis's** famous homemade potato salad. It will be great food for those who attend.





There are two times during the year when we often take a moment to look forward and back at the same time. Summer and the New Year. In the August edition of the *LeNotizie* we feature lodge happenings over the summer and have our Junior Member night at the August meeting.

Remember the good old days when the start of school occurred the first Tuesday after Labor Day? Now, many schools are starting earlier and earlier and many are in session nearly a month when Labor Day occurs. The old reason for starting after Labor Day was that many families were still working in the summer harvest.

Those days are long forgotten and many schools are starting the first week of August and taking more breaks during the school year. We may want to go back to a July meeting for our Juniors because our August 6th meeting is when many of them are back in school. Just an idea.

Each month as I write the *LeNotizie* I often go into the archives for pictures of lodge events to retrieve a picture or two of members at lodge activities. It is then I realize the lodge will celebrate its 89th anniversary next year and I'm saddened by seeing so many members, who meant so much to the lodge, who have passed away. This month is no different.

My family was deeply saddened by the loss of my cousin **Faye Taylor** in May. Faye had been a Roma Lodge member for 46 years. Living in Porterville she was unable to attend a lot of lodge meetings but always showed up to help at the ravioli dinner or Christmas party. As shown in the picture her infectious smile, positive attitude and caring for others she always brought to lodge activities made her a special person. Her parents **Bert and Mary Berra** were members of the lodge for many years along with her brother **Dr. Albert Berra**. Faye leaves behind her two sons **Cris and Craig Clark** and grand-



daughter **Ashlie** who are also members. ***Farewell Sister Faye, May you rest in peace.***

Often times we have individuals who contributed to the lodge who pass away and are no longer members. Although, they do not receive the lodges funeral ritual at their services many lodge members still attend. Such is the case with former lodge member **Rodney Sell** who suddenly passed away in June.

Rodney was a doer and one of the nicest people you would ever meet. He was always available to help out at lodge activities wherever he was needed. As shown in the picture he helped with a variety of cooking activities of the lodge and was a good friend of our master chef Charlie Pitigliano. There was never a task too big or too small for Rodney to help out.

In the future at every lodge cooking activity we will be reminded of Rodney when we pull out the big square pans to make sauce. Rodney made those pans for the lodge when he worked at Grumman-Olson in Tulare before they closed. ***Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jeri and daughter Ashley. He will be missed.***

The passing of time is something we have no control over. It seems, in this fast paced world of today, life moves faster and faster. Just ask parents getting their children ready for another year of school. One day you are preparing them for pre-school and the next they are going off to college. It happens that quickly.

It is my goal in the Herald's message each month to recognize those members who have passed away to remind us all of their contributions to the lodge and to our lives. Their journeys in this world are now completed. At the very least I would hope that as you read this edition of the *LeNotizie* you remember all those lodge members who have passed away that meant so much to Roma Lodge. May God bless each and everyone of them.



Summer Happenings!

Roma Lodge First Lady **Giovanna DePaoli** celebrated her official eligibility for Medicare with her seven granddaughters (l-r) **Kate, Ade-lynn, Harper, Gian-na, Haydyn, Isabel and Guilia**. All lodge members.



Junior Member Spotlight

Pam Sola has done an outstanding job as our junior member advisor. At a recent meeting she had junior members paint aprons with Italian themes which were on display at the Grand Lodge convention and voted upon by attendees with their dollars. There will be a surprise announcement at the August meeting so don't miss it.



Speaking of Pam she and Vince traveled to Hawaii for some R&R recently. We wonder who was taking care of the goats and the ranch in their absence.

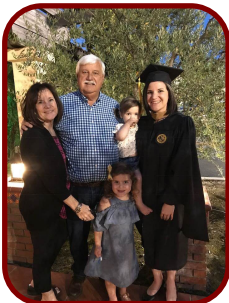
Congrats!

Kelsi Pitigliano graduated from Fresno State and is shown with parents **Michael and Kim** and grandpa and grandma



Charlie and Nancy. All Lodge members!

Maci Daramy completed her Masters in Business Administration from Cal State Bakersfield. She is shown with parents **David and Giovanna DePaoli** and daughters **Isabel** and **Giana**.



Little Mermaid Junior for Dances Edge Theatre Arts Department. **Julia Galvan** played the evil witch Ursula and **Giulia Watkins** played a fishy. Both Roma Lodge members.



Anica Gentry completed her Masters in Education from the **LeFetra College of Education at the University of La Verne**. She is shown with her two boys **Austin** and **Aiden** who are also lodge members.



The Awards and Accolades Keep Coming!

Our State Deputy **Lilia Giacomazzi** was honored by Kings County as the *Distinguished Dairy Person* at their June is Dairy Month celebration. The Giacomazzi Family was also honored as the Dairy Family of the Year. Lilia also celebrated her **105th** birthday on July 21st with family and friends.

As Roma Lodge members our lives have been enhanced by having Lilia Giacomazzi as our State Deputy. She is an inspiration to all of us as a role model of how one can carry on the Italian Culture. Her father **Miro Curti** was the lodge president from 1936-39.



She joined the lodge in February of 1936 during her fathers first year as president. Now, some 82 years later she is our longest tenured member and sets the standard for all members to try and emulate. **Congratulations Lilia!**



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Meeting

August 6, 2018
6:30 PM-Dinner

Junior Member Night

Summer BBQ

July-August
Birthdays Bring Back-To-
School Raffle Prizes For
The Junior Members
Raffle